

**PATENT**

Docket No. 29273/550

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS : Tomoo YAMAMOTO et al.  
SERIAL NO. : (Unassigned)  
FILED : 21 May 2001  
FOR : MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM AND MAGNETIC  
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GROUP ART UNIT : (Unassigned)  
EXAMINER : (Unassigned)  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

S I R:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claim 7 and add new claims 12-15 as follows.

7. (Amended) A magnetic recording medium as defined in claim 1, wherein the magnetic layer has an h.c.p. structure and is oriented in (11.0) direction relative to the plane parallel with the substrate.

-- 12. (New) A magnetic recording medium as defined in claim 2, wherein the magnetic layer has an h.c.p. structure and is oriented in (11.0) direction relative to the plane parallel with the substrate. --

-- 13. (New) A magnetic recording medium as defined in claim 3, wherein the magnetic layer has an h.c.p. structure and is oriented in (11.0) direction relative to the plane parallel with the substrate. --

-- 14. (New) A magnetic recording medium as defined in claim 4, wherein the magnetic layer has an h.c.p. structure and is oriented in (11.0) direction relative to the plane parallel with the substrate. --

-- 15. (New) A magnetic recording medium as defined in claim 5, wherein the magnetic layer has an h.c.p. structure and is oriented in (11.0) direction relative to the plane parallel with the substrate. --

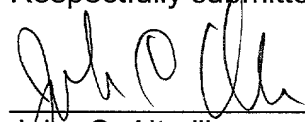
### REMARKS

Claim 7 has been amended to delete the multiple dependency. New claims 12-15 were added to recover some of the matter thus deleted. No new matter has been added. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to claim 7. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

Examination in light of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 220-4200 to discuss any information concerning this application.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Variable	Mean	SD	Min	Max
Age	34.5	10.2	18	65
Gender	Male	Female		
Marital status	Married	Single		
Education	High school	College		
Occupation	Manager	Worker		
Income	Low	High		
Health status	Good	Poor		
Stress level	Low	High		
Life satisfaction	Low	High		
Resilience	Low	High		
Optimism	Low	High		
Self-efficacy	Low	High		
Perceived stress	Low	High		
Depression	Low	High		
Anxiety	Low	High		
Quality of life	Low	High		
Health-related quality of life	Low	High		
Physical health	Low	High		
Mental health	Low	High		
Social health	Low	High		
Environmental health	Low	High		
Overall health	Low	High		

Claim 7 has been amended as follows:

7. A magnetic recording medium as defined in [any of claims 1 to 5] claim 1, wherein the magnetic layer has an h.c.p<sub>2</sub> structure and is oriented in (11.0) direction relative to the plane parallel with the substrate.

New claims 12-15 were added as shown above.